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The proposed settlement does not do enough to curb the practices of Microsoft. Of course the company is entitled to bundle whatever it wants in its software. However, the Internet and the digital revolution are something of a public utility, so Microsoft can be prevented from hampering the interoperability of competing products. We will all lose a great deal of future innovation if Microsoft is allowed to continue squashing every competitor. I still use Netscape for e-mail and Web surfing, despite the fact that Windows is designed to crash Netscape regularly. There are reports that in Windows XP it is difficult to replace the bundled defaults. It is this behavior that must be prevented. I realize that the economy is in a bad state, but we must not abandon our principles. Then again, I guess you haven't abandoned your principles: this settlement is a right wing Republican cave-in to a rich, arrogant company.

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